



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE GARDEN CLUB?

Hello, 3rd Graders!! We would like to invite you to join the Garden Club! Exciting things are happening with this club, including the start of our Junior Master Gardener Certification for all club members! At the end of 3rd grade, all participating students who complete the 8 units of instruction and activities will officially be recognized as Junior Master Gardeners!

The Jr. Master Gardener program is an international program, run by Texas A&M whose goal is “Growing good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education.” Working with our own school garden, our students will learn many facets of gardening that they can carry with them for years to come. And, they’ll get to enjoy the outdoors and enjoy some tasty fresh vegetables and fruits. Another exciting note is that Butler Catholic will have the FIRST Jr. Master Gardener Program in western Pennsylvania! For more info, on the program, visit [www.jmgkids.us](http://www.jmgkids.us)

### ***Important Information:***

***Meetings will be held after school on Wednesdays*** — for this first semester, the meeting dates are **October 10 and 24, November 7 and 14, December 5 and 12**. We’ll send home dates for the second semester before Christmas. Meetings will be from 2:45 PM until 4 PM. We ask that you send a note into school each day of garden club meetings, noting whether you will pick up your child after the meeting, or if he/she should go to aftercare.

***All garden club members will need their own copy of the Jr. Master Gardener Handbook.*** This is an official workbook that they’ll use for learning and activities throughout the year. The cost of this is \$15.00. If you can please enclose the \$15 as cash, or check made payable to Butler Catholic School, we will order them in bulk from Texas A&M and will distribute them as soon as they arrive. Your child will be able to keep this book, and we encourage them to bring it home to share their club activities and information with you.

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### GARDEN CLUB PERMISSION SLIP

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! My child has my permission to join the Garden Club.

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed \$15 for my child’s Jr. Master Gardener Handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check (payable to Butler Catholic School)

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_